of books, typing and binding of thesis, study tour, essential apparatus.

(c) Tution, examination fees and medical/health insurance charges.

(d) Equipment allowance of Rs. 1, 000/- and incidental journey expense equivalent upto £ 12.

(e) To and fro passage.

Steps to improve socio-economic conditions of tribals

1358. SHRIJAGADISH JAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of tribals in different States and how many of them are living below poverty line; and

(b) what steps have been taken to improve their socio-economic conditions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WEL FARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN): (a) Percentages of Sche duled Tribe population to total population in different States/Union territories at 1981 Census are given in the annexed statement. *(See below)* Precise data regarding Sche duled Tribe population below the poverty line are not available.

(b) Family beneficiary oriented Programmes have been undertaken in various sectors of development, such as, Agriculture, Rural Development, Horticulture, Minor Irrigation, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Forestry, Seri-culture, Village and Cottage Industries, etc., to pro-vide economic assistance to the Scheduled Tribe families below the poverty line.

Statement

StatejV. T. -wise percentage of Scheduled Tribes population to total population at 1981 *Census*

S. No.	Name of State/U. T	Percentage of Scheduled Tribes population to total population at 1981 Census
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5 93
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	69 82
3.	Assam*.	1100
4.	Bihar	8- 31
5.	Goa, Daman & Diu.	0 99
6.	Gujarat	14 22
7.	Haryana.	Nil
8.	Himachal Pradesh	4 61
9.	Jammu & Kashmir**	3 07
10.	Karnataka	4 91
11.	Kerala	1 03
12.	Madhya Pradesh	22 97
13.	Maharashtra	9 19
14.	Manipur.	27-30
15.	Meghalaya	80-58
16.	Mizoram.	93-55
17.	Nagaland.	84 00
18.	Orissa	22-43
19.	Punjab	Nil
20.	Rajasthan	12-21
21.	Sikkim	23-27
22.	Tamil Nadu	107
23.	Tripura	28-44
24.	Uttar Pradesh.	0-21

1	2	3
25.	West Bengal	5 63
26.	A & N Islands.	11 85
27.	Chandigarh	Nil
28.	Dadra & Nagar Havel i	78 82
29.	Delhi	Nil
30.	Lakshadweep.	93-82
31.	Pondicherry	Nil
		7-88

♦Projected figures
♦♦Estimated figures

Tribal Status to Sikkim

1359. SHRIJAGADISH JAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have *a* proposal to grant tribal status to Sikkim;

(b) the details of the proposal received in that regard from the State Government;

(c) if so, when such proposal is expected to be implemented; and

(d) what steps have been taken thereon

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WEL FARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN): (a) to (d) The North District of Sikkim is fully covered under an Integrated Tribal Deve lopment Project (ITDP) from 1980. The State Government's proposal for constitution of three new ITDPs covering thirty five identified Reve nue Blocks in East, West and South Districts was agreed to in April, 1986. No proposals for extension of ITDPs have been received subsequently from the Government of Sikkim.

Memorandum from Ordnance Employees' Union, Ambarnath

1360. SHRI SAMAR MU-KHERJEE: Wi'l the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Memorandum dated the 10th December, 1990 has been received by Government from Ordnance Employees' Union, Ambarnath about implementation of the Judgement of the Central Administrative Tribunal, Bombay in case No. 174/87, 175/87 and 502/87;

(b) if so, the details of the Memo-randum; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the Memorandum dated 10-12-90, the Ordnance Employees Union, Ambarnath has demanded the extension of benefit of the CAT's judgement in TA No. 174/87 and 175/87 to other employees also who are similarly placed.

(c) The CAT judgement has already been implemented in respect of petitioners and Ordnance Factory Board has been directed to extend the benefit of the above judgement to similarly placed employees of the Ordnance Factories.